

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A decorative holiday picture frame cover, for use in conjunction with an existing rectangular picture frame, for temporarily attaching onto the picture frame to give it the appearance of a wrapped gift, said picture frame having a front, a rear, sides, and a window that is defined by a border that extends inwardly at a substantially uniform width from the sides, wherein an existing picture is displayed through the window and is matted by the border, ~~and~~ comprising:

a front panel having a periphery, the front panel substantially rectangular and having the appearance of gift wrapping paper, for spanning across and fully obscuring the window as well as the border of the picture frame after the picture frame cover has been installed onto the picture frame;

side panels attached to the periphery;

a music player;

a bow affixed to and centered upon the front panel and having a blinking light; and

a stretchable rear edging extending inwardly from the side panels, behind the front panel, and having a peripheral border, wherein the rear edging selectively stretches to conform to the contours and thickness of the picture frame in order to be fitted onto the picture frame, and wherein the

stretchable rear edging comprises a material chosen from a class of materials including spandex, elastic, and stretchable cotton fabric, in order that it may conform to the dimensions of the particular picture frame it is being used to cover such that the peripheral border selectively rests against the rear of the frame to hold the front panel snugly against the front of the frame;

a sensor chosen from a group of sensors consisting of a motion sensor and a sound sensor, the sensor selectively activating the music player and blinking light; and

a backlighting bulb, located behind the front panel, and wherein the front panel becomes substantially transparent when backlit, such that the backlighting bulb may be selectively activated so that the picture within the frame is viewable through the front panel.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled).

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (original) A method of temporarily giving an existing picture frame the appearance of a wrapped gift, said picture frame having a front, a rear,

sides, and a window that is defined by a border that extends at a substantially uniform width inwardly from the sides, wherein an existing picture is displayed through the window and is matted by the border, said method utilizing a decorative holiday picture frame cover having a front panel, at least one side panel, a bow affixed to and centered upon the front panel, and a stretchable rear edging extending inwardly from the at least one side panel behind the front panel, said rear edging having a peripheral border, said method comprising the steps of:

covering the picture frame with the picture frame cover by spanning the front panel across the front of the picture frame with the side panels substantially aligned with the sides of the icture frame, and stretching the rear edging so that it extends behind the picture frame, thereby causing the peripheral border of the rear edging to rest flush against the rear of the frame, and the front panel to fit snugly against the frame front without actually affixing or adhering to the picture frame;

removing the picture frame cover from the picture frame after the holiday season, by pulling the cover off the frame, by pulling the front panel upwardly and away from the frame, so that the rear edging disengages the picture frame sides; and

storing the frame cover until needed for the next holiday season.

8. (original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture frame cover further has a blinking light positioned in proximity to the bow, a music player, and a motion sensor in communication with the blinking light, wherein

the step of covering the picture frame is followed by the step of activating the blinking light and music player by the sensor detecting motion.

9. (original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture frame cover further has a blinking light positioned in proximity to the bow, a music player, and a sound sensor in communication with the blinking light, wherein the step of covering the picture frame is followed by the step of activating the blinking light and music player by the sound sensor detecting sound.

10. (original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture frame has a support arm for selectively supporting the frame upon a horizontal surface, wherein the step of covering the picture frame is preceded by the additional step of pivoting the support arm away from the rear of the picture frame, in order that the support arm will not be covered by the rear edging.

11. (original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture frame cover has a backlighting bulb located behind the front panel, and wherein the step of covering the picture frame is followed by the step of viewing the picture through the front panel by illuminating the backlighting bulb.